

Moray Local Outdoor Access Forum

20th Meeting

Minutes

11th November 2010, 4pm Elgin Town Hall

Present: Ian Douglas, Moray Council Access Manager

Members Present:

W Metcalfe, R Macpherson, J Oliver, S Jacyna, J Gate, I M Douglas, S Reid, R Boardman, F Murdoch, R Knight, G Bain and P Graham.

Minute Secretary: C Shanks

Non Attendees: M Young, Disabled Vacancy, M Stelmach, R Marks, I Green, G Matheson

The meeting was chaired by Peter Graham

Item		Action
1.0	Apologies D Barron, J Trythall, A Laing and F McInally.	
2.0	Accuracy of Previous Minutes The previous minutes were agreed as being true and accurate.	
3.0	Matters Arising Giant's Chair Dufftown – This project had been successful in securing local volunteer labour to carry out emergency repairs. Moray Access Panel – ID said that he had approached the Moray Resource Centre who advertised whether any clients would like to become a member of MLOAF but as yet there had been no applications. It was agreed to leave the position open at present and try again later to fill it in 2011.	ID
4.0	New Members <i>Membership Review Update:</i> ID agreed to check up on the date that RK became a member of MLOAF to determine when his three year term finishes. <i>Review of Membership Selection Process:</i> four places are now available vacated by SJ,JG, PG and the guaranteed disabled place. ID informed the Committee that there would have to be an advertising process which would cost around £500. JO asked if this was necessary and PG said that it has to be advertised and offered to the wider community. Adverts could also be placed in local newsletters, websites, etc. ID added that the advert would be tied in to a piece of editorial.	ID ID
5.0	Forum Business Plan – Report by Sub Group SJ ran through the Draft Moray LOAF Business Plan table to date and it was agreed that there was a need to address measurable outputs and targets. SR asked that all comments on outputs and targets should be e-mailed to RK via ID by the end of November 2010. It was also agreed that FM would replace JG on the sub-group which would be chaired by RK who would replace SJ.. Sub group now includes RK, JO, WM and FM attended by ID who would replace SJ. Sub Group to produce full business plan table for consideration at the next meeting.	ID/FM/RK Policy Sub Group

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6.0	<p>Core Paths Enquiry ID reported that he had attended the Hearing on CP32 and CP33 two weeks ago and he now awaits the Report from the Scottish Reporter on all sixteen objections. He expects to receive this around February 2011. This would enable the Plan to be adopted around April 2011.</p>	
7.0	<p>Paper Reviewing Impact of the Land Reform Legislation JO was concerned that no paper copies of this had been circulated. RK added that it would be useful to flag up some issues to MSPs and that they would have to face up to facts regarding the cuts in National spending. JO said that she had made several comments.</p>	
8.0	<p>National Access Forum Papers It was noted that there were no papers to consider. It was agreed that ID would find out about the FM action point from the previous Moray LOAF meeting held on 3rd August 2010.</p>	ID
9.0	<p>Access Issues</p> <p>The Hythe, Lossiemouth</p> <p>ID updated the Forum that the Planning Committee had agreed to enforce removal of the fence as a planning matter. There would be no decision on this as an access issue until the Planning resolution was concluded.</p> <p>Gordon Castle Estate, Fochabers</p> <p>The Committee discussed the issue of locked main gates at the Castle and ID said that the Gordon Castle Estate had decided the gates will not be opened in the future. RK said that he felt that access through the gates during the bypass construction could be a health and safety issue. It was noted that six people were unhappy at being denied access presently but this would be resolved once the 'green door' route became available after bypass construction. The Forum agreed to support the Council position that no enforcement action be taken as a long term resolution was available.</p>	
10.0	<p>AOCB Chair</p> <p>RK was nominated for the position of Chair but said that he was concerned that he could have a conflict of interest and would have to be able to represent riparian owners and fishing interests. Before he could consider the position the Committee must agree that this is acceptable. The Forum accepted his appointment as Chair on this basis. SR was asked to become Vice Chair but said that she was not in a position to accept the post. RB added that he could not give enough time to this position. WM felt that he had only been a member of the Committee for 3 months and still had 3 years ahead so declined the position. PG requested RK to nominate potential people for the Vice Chair position.</p> <p>PG gave thanks to the whole Committee for their help during his Chairmanship. PG, SJ and JG who are all standing down as members were thanked by the Committee for their invaluable input to the Forum. PG also gave thanks to JO who joined Moray LOAF at the very beginning.</p>	RK

11.0	Dates of Meetings for 2011 Thursday 3 rd March 2011 (changed from original date of 10 th March) Thursday 9 th June 2011 4 th August 2011 10 th November 2011	
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